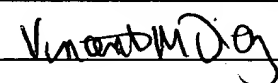


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Prior to examination of the above identified application, please amend as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, with the following
rewritten paragraph:

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims: